IN THE SPECIFICATION

• **PLEASE AMEND THE TITLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Message Classification Using ~~Allowed~~ Acceptable Items

• **PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTION HEADING AND THREE NEW PARAGRAPHS FOLLOWING PAGE 3, LINE 5 OF THE APPLICATION AS FILED AND PRIOR TO THE "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" ON PAGE 4:**

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[NEW 1] An exemplary embodiment of the presently claimed invention provides a method for classifying a message. The method includes receiving a message, the message including a message body. All items of a certain type in the message body are then identified. Each of the items of a certain type is reduced to a canonical equivalent that identifies a group of synonymous words or phrases. A determination is then made as to whether the canonical equivalent of each of the items corresponds to a criterion, the criterion corresponding to an acceptable item. The message is then classified based on whether the canonical equivalent of each of the items meets the criterion. The message is then processed in accordance with the classification of the message.

[NEW 2] In a further embodiment of the presently claimed invention, a computer-readable storage medium is claimed. A program is embodied on the medium, the program being executable by a computer. Execution of the program by a computer allows for the performance of a method to classify a message substantially in accordance with that set forth above.

[NEW 3] In another embodiment of the presently claimed invention, a system for classifying a message is disclosed. An interface at a mail server receives a message, which includes a message body. A processor at the mail server is configured to execute instructions stored in memory. The instructions, when execute, provide for the steps of identifying all items of a certain type in the message body. Each of the items of a certain type is reduced to a canonical equivalent that identifies a group of synonymous words or phrases. A determination is then made as to whether the canonical equivalent of each of the items corresponds to a criterion, the criterion corresponding to an acceptable item. The message is then classified based on whether the canonical equivalent of each of the items meets the criterion. The message is then processed in accordance with the classification of the message.